Year	Production (million metric tonne)
1999-2000	31.93
2000-2001	32.43
2001-2002	32.03

Pooled pricing for Gas Sector

1316. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering pooled pricing for gas sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government determine the retail price of gas by weighted average price of LNG and gas;

(d) whether it is a fact that such price determination method will not force the gas producers to retail gas at a cheaper rate and, therefore, the experts have suggested for leaving the pricing aspect to the gas producers and to lower the customs duty on LNG; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The import of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) has been placed under Open General Licence (OGL) with permission for 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The companies are free to import and market LNG at market determined prices and will be fixed by the company concerned. The pooling of domestic gas and LNG may be decided by the gas marketing companies on commercial consideration.